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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Post-Mortem on NIE-35/2, "Probable Developments in Indochina through Mid-1953."

ENCLOSURE: Draft memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence transmitting the List of Intelligence Deficiencies Revealed in the Preparation of NIE-35/1 and NIE-35/2

1. The attached draft memorandum and list of deficiencies have been prepared in the light of the discussion held by your representatives on this subject on 15 December.

2. We request that this draft be reviewed by those who attended the 15 December meeting to determine whether the draft is ready to be forwarded to DCI.

3. In the interest of complete staff work, it is the intention of this office, once the draft has your approval, to forward it to the DCI via the Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination. This is in our opinion a justifiable departure from a strict interpretation of the procedure approved on 3 June 1952.

4. Please call me by close of business Wednesday, 31 ^{December} January, giving your concurrence (or non-concurrence). [Redacted]

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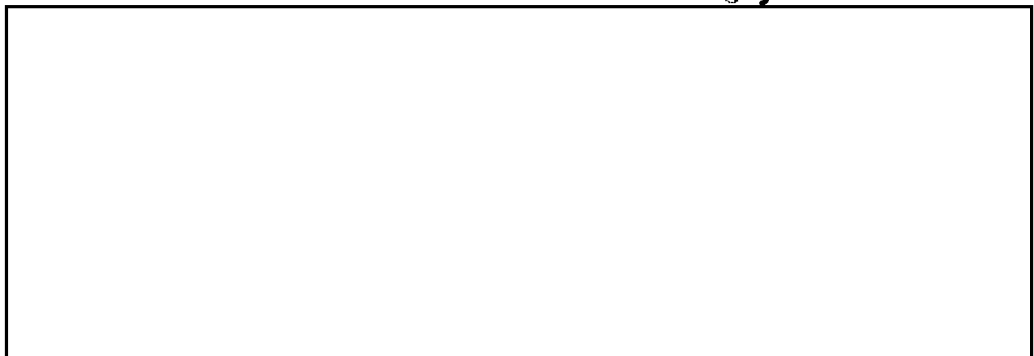
DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE DCI

SUBJECT: Post-Mortem on NIE-35/2, "Probable Developments in Indochina through Mid-1953."
REFERENCE: Procedure for Reducing Intelligence Deficiencies in NIE's, dated 3 June 1952.
ENCLOSURE: A. List of Intelligence Deficiencies Revealed in the Preparation of NIE-35/1 and NIE-35/2.

1. On 15 December, the IAC representatives held a post-mortem meeting on NIE-35/2, "Probable Developments in Indochina through Mid-1953," and reviewed also deficiencies in intelligence previously noted during the production of NIE-35/1.

2. The IAC representatives noted that:

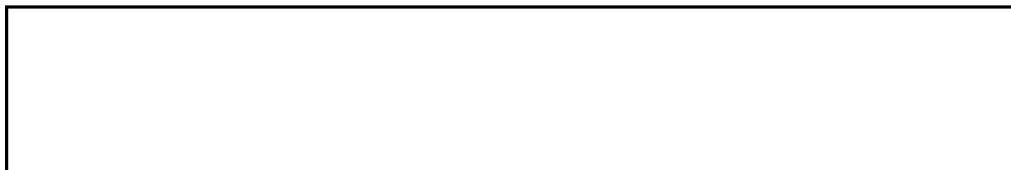
- a. Steps taken informally by the IAC agencies after the production of NIE-35/1 are beginning to result in better coverage;



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3. The IAC representatives have agreed on a list of the more important current deficiencies in our intelligence (Enclosure A).

4. Recommendation:

That the collection agencies of the intelligence community review their priorities in the light of the findings of the IAC representatives as set forth in Enclosure A.

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